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SUBJ: MAJOR PROJECT: MINI STEEL MILL

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1. ONLY INFORMATION AVAILABLE REGARDING THIS POTENTIAL PROJECT IS THAT CONTAINED IN ENCLUSURE TO NAIROBI A-95. NO FEASIBILITY STUDIES HAVE BEEN PREPARED ON THIS PROJECT AND VARIOUS FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS WITH WHICH EMBASSY HAS DISCUSSED PROJECT ARE NOT AWARE OF ANY FURTHER INFORMATION. AT THE MOMENT THERE DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE A GREAT DEAL OF INTEREST WITHIN THE GOK MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (MOCI).

2. LACK OF INTEREST AT PRESENT CAUSED BY TWO FACTORS. FIRST, THE DIRECTOR OF THE INDUSTRIAL DIVISION IN MOCI HAS RECENTLY BEEN TRANSFERRED TO TREASURY AND HIS SUCCESSOR HAS NOT YET BEEN NAMED. THIS DIVISION IS THE ACTION OFFICE WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT FOR THIS PROJECT. WITHOUT A DIRECTOR IT IS APPARENTLY HOLDING BACK ON THIS AND MANY OTHER PROJECTS. SECOND REASON FOR SUSPENDED INTEREST IS INPUT SUPPLY PROBLEMS. SEVERAL ANALYSTS HAVE TOLD EMBOFF THAT BULK OF INPUT WILL HAVE TO BE IMPORTED. ACCORDING TO THESE ANALYSTS KENYA GENERATES ONLY 50,000 - 80,000 TONS OF SCRAP ANNUALLY. MILL CAPACITY SUGGESTED FOR AROUND 200,000 UNCLASSIFIED

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TONS PER ANNUM. IMPORT AND ALMOST THREE QUARTERS OF MILL INPUT WOULD RAISE COST SIGNIFICANTLY.

3. INTERESTED FIRMS SHOULD CONTACT INDUSTRIAL DIVISION, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, P.O. BOX 30430, NAIROBI.
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